GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:568
ANSWERED ON:06.05.2002
TRANSPORTATION OF MINERALS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether minerals worth crores of rupees are lost in transportation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated loss suffered by the Government during the last three years, year-wise as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce some safe mode of transportation of minerals to avoid huge losses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 568 SLATED FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK S
ON THE 6TH MAY, 2002, TABLED BY SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF MINERALS.

(a) to (e): Precise estimates of loss suffered in transportation of minerals can not be made. However important minerals like coal and coke are mostly transported by railways. For transportation loss incurred, claims are lodged and compensation paid by the carrier.

The Ministry of Railways has reported the amount of compensation paid on coal and coke consignments on account of various reasons during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Amount (Rs. In lakh)
1998-1999	170.80
1999-2000	191.20
2000-2001	59.26

Mineral and Metal Trading Corporation (MMTC) has reported loss incurred during transportation/handling/shipping operations for iron ore. The details of loss indicated by MMTC during the last three years are as under:

Year	Quantity Handled (Lakh tonnes)	Transportation/Handling Loss to quantity (Lakh tonnes)	Loss (Rs. in Crore)	Loss Handled
1998-1999	137.92	1.04	8.07	0.76%
1999-2000	149.96	0.46	4.18	0.31%
2000-2001	185.79	1.26	12.33	0.68%

For safe transportation of goods and prevention of claims, the Ministry of Railways hasreported that inter-alia following measures are taken:-

1) Escorting of goods trains by Railways Protection Force on vulnerable sections.

2) Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/sections by Railway Protection Force (RPF).

3) Based on intelligence reports raids and searches are conducted in the premises of criminals/receivers of stolen property .

4) Proper marking and labeling of packages to avoid their loss/over carriage.

5) Use of metal tape on wagons to avoid mis-despatches and prevent them from becoming unconnected.